

Abstract of the Invention

MOWER HEAD WITH MOVABLE GUARD

5 A mower head has a deck with at least three sides
and at least one side wall depending from the deck. A
cutting blade is rotatably mounted to the deck on an axis
extending through the deck. The deck is disposed above and
generally parallel to the blade. A guard assembly includes
an actuating member mounted on the deck. The guard is
attached to the actuating member and pivotally attached to
10 the deck via a hinge along two sides of the deck. A flap
depends from the guard. A flap also depends from one of the
three sides of said deck. A top surface of the guard and a
top surface of the deck can be located in the same plane. In
a second embodiment, the guard includes a first wall having
15 a plurality of angled sections which matingly interconnect
with angled sections of one of the deck sides. In a third
embodiment, the top surface of the guard and the top surface
of the deck are located in different planes.